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Medco to build world's largest, most advanced automated pharmacy in Central Indiana

Nov. 12, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from Medco Health Solutions Inc. to announce the company's plans to build the world's largest and most advanced automated pharmacy in Central Indiana, filling a growing nationwide demand for lower-cost medicines. The new 318,000-square-foot pharmacy, slated to open early in 2009, will cover an area equivalent to six and a half football fields - bringing approximately 1,300 jobs to the state by its anticipated peak operation in 2012.

Nov. 12, 2007- Gov. Daniels

Nov. 12, 2007- Gov. Daniels talks with pharmacy students from Butler University at the Medco jobs announcement.

Medco selected Central Indiana as the home of its new facility capping a year-long selection process that covered 48 states. Headquartered in Franklin Lakes, N.J, Medco will invest more than \$140 million

to develop a next-generation mail-order facility that will employ pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, engineering technology, pharmacy support and management positions to dispense more than one million prescriptions a week at peak operation.

"Central Indiana's skilled labor force was a key factor in confidently making a choice that will help us serve our clients and members nationwide with the highest quality pharmacy care at the lowest cost," said Kenneth O. Klepper, Medco President and Chief Operating Officer.

"In terms of economic impact, this is right there with Honda and the other big blockbusters Indiana has captured in recent years, but Medco's decision to come here is more than that. It's a huge leap in the diversification of the Indiana economy, widening the range of opportunity for our young people. Finally, Medco is the world leader in its field, and the Indiana we are building intends to be known for leadership," said Daniels.

Read the news release.

State prepared for winter heating season

Nov. 16, 2007- Due to early planning and generous contributions, the state is well-prepared to help Hoosiers who need financial assistance with winter fuel costs during the upcoming heating season, Governor Daniels announced.

"We've taken all the steps we can again this year to be ready to help Hoosiers. In addition, the state's largest utility companies will help people whose incomes are above 150 percent of poverty, much like the Help Thy Neighbor program has the last two years. We appreciate that," said the governor.

Daniels started the Help Thy Neighbor heating assistance program in 2005 to extend home heating assistance to households with incomes between 150 and 200 percent of the poverty level, covering households that typically are not eligible for traditional financial assistance. Since then, more than 30,000 families have been helped.

Read the news release.

Listen to the governor's announcement.

To view past updates, click <u>here</u>.

To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click here.

Governor speaks at 2007 Indiana Rural Summit Gov. honors long-

Nov. 14, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels and Lt. Governor Becky Skillman recently delivered remarks at the 2007 Indiana Rural Summit hosted by USDA Rural Development, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), and the Purdue Center for Regional Development. Governor Daniels opened the summit by speaking about the accomplishments of Indiana's rural communities and the Daniels-Skillman Administration's commitment to furthering rural development.

"I don't have the slightest doubt that the state's agriculture industry is on its way back," said Governor Daniels. "We are doing everything we can to foster a great revival in rural Indiana."

Read the news release.

Listen to the governor's remarks.

Nov. 14, 2007- Gov. Daniels presented the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards to 72 Indiana businesses in recognition of their long-time commitment to the state's economy. The awards honor businesses that have remained in operation for 100 or 50 years and more and have demonstrated a history of community service.

Read the news release.



Nov. 16, 2007– Gov. Daniels recognizes representatives from the Lake Station Police Department at the 2007 Operation Pull Over awards banquet. The annual event honors state and local law enforcement agencies for their demonstrated commitment to improving traffic safety.

Read the news release.

Insurer selects Indiana for new regional office

Nov. 16, 2007- Selective Insurance Group, Inc., a holding company for seven property and casualty insurance companies, announced that its principal operating subsidiary, Selective Insurance Company of America, is establishing a new Midwestern Regional office in Carmel, creating more than 40 new jobs.

The provider of commercial, personal, bond and flood insurance will continue to hire underwriters and industry professionals.

"Indiana is uniquely positioned to grow the insurance industry, which already provides the state with thousands of high-paying, skilled jobs," said Nathan Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "With our high-quality workforce, efficient regulation and low cost of doing business, we will continue to offer a uniquely competitive environment for the insurance industry.

Read the news release.

Company to consolidate products manufacturing in Fort Wayne

Nov. 15, 2007- Foamex International Inc. a leading manufacturer of flexible polyure-thane and advanced polymer foam products, announced today it will consolidate its technical products manufacturing operations in Fort Wayne, creating 30 new jobs by 2010.

The company will invest more than \$10 million to consolidate its Eddystone, Pa.based technical products manufacturing operations into its existing Allen County facility during the first quarter of 2008.

"More and more companies are recognizing that Indiana is a great place to do business, and we're glad Foamex selected Indiana for this expansion," said Nathan Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

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Nov. 13, 2007- Governor Daniels talks with Hoosiers during a stop at the Black Buggy in Washington.

A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Fort Wayne and South Bend this week.